

**DNRC REPORT TO WPIC
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PROGRESS
August 21, 2019**

Claims Reexamination Progress

- First benchmark 10,000 claims by 6-30-2017 (*First Benchmark met*)
- Second benchmark 30,000 claims by 6-30-2019 (*Second Benchmark met*)
- Third benchmark 60,000 claims by 6-30-2021
- Fourth benchmark 90,000 claims by 6-30-2023

Reexamination claims completed to date:

Total = 43,826

Reexamination - Summary Reports to Water Court

Date Issued

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| Flint Creek (76GJ) | 10/30/2015 |
| Clarks Fork Yellowstone River (43D) | 5/24/2016 |
| Musselshell River, Below Roundup (40C) | 6/9/2016 |
| Musselshell River, above Roundup (40A) | 1/12/2017 |
| Frenchman Creek (40L) | 5/31/2017 |
| Jefferson River (41G) | 7/27/2017 |
| Willow Creek (41N) | 10/6/2017 |
| Rock Creek (76E) | 1/23/2108 |
| Gallatin River (41H) | 1/23/2018 |
| Yellowstone River, above & including Bridger Creek (43B) | 4/26/2018 |
| Shields River (43A) | 6/15/2018 |
| Beaver Creek, Tributary To Little Missouri River (39G) | 11/30/2018 |
| Boxelder Creek (39E) | 8/1/2018 |
| Little Beaver Creek (39FJ) | 8/15/2018 |
| Flathead River South Fork (76J) | 8/28/2018 |
| Whitewater Creek (40K) | 11/26/2018 |
| Little Missouri River, Above Little Beaver Creek (39F) | 12/05/2018 |
| Sage Creek (40G) | 02/28/2019 |
| Rock Creek, Tributary of Milk River (40N) | 5/16/2019 |

Reexamination Decree Issued by Water Court

Date Issued

Number of Claims

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|---|------------|-------|
| Flint Creek (76GJ) | 5/19/2016 | 1,129 |
| Clarks Fork Yellowstone River (43D) | 4/7/2017 | 2,888 |
| Musselshell River, Below Roundup (40C) | 6/7/2017 | 3,951 |
| Musselshell River, above Roundup (40A) | 6/7/2017 | 6,108 |
| Willow Creek (41N) | 3/29/2018 | 1,457 |
| Frenchman Creek (40L) | 10/26/2017 | 424 |
| Jefferson River (41G) | 2/15/2018 | 2,647 |
| Rock Creek, Tributary to Clark Fork River (76E) | 5/10/2018 | 733 |
| Gallatin River (41H) | 10/11/2018 | 6270 |

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| Little Beaver Creek (39FJ) | 11/01/2018 | 994 |
| Flathead River South Fork (76J) | 11/29/2018 | 131 |
| Beaver Creek, Tributary to Little Missouri River (39G) | 12/19/2018 | 722 |
| Shields River (43A) | 2/14/2019 | 3,301 |
| Whitewater Creek (40K) | 3/7/2019 | 3,969 |
| Sage Creek (40G) | 4/11/2019 | 970 |
| Yellowstone River, Above and Including Bridger Creek (43B) | 5/9/2019 | 5,117 |
| Little Missouri River, Above Little Beaver Creek (39F) | 5/23/2019 | 3,015 |

Assistance for District Court Enforcement of Water Court Decrees

2019 season completed updates and created new projects totaling 61 water distribution areas across the State; of which, 40 are active projects.

Ownership Updates

Department staff validate water right geocodes for property transfers:

- In 2010, 3,821 ownerships were updated involving 9,460 water rights
- In 2011, 6,245 ownerships were updated involving 15,765 water rights.
- In 2012, 8,729 ownerships were updated involving 20,496 water rights.
- In 2014, 7,618 ownerships were updated involving 18,360 water rights.
- In 2015, 7,711 ownerships were updated involving 17,483 water rights
- In 2016, 9,120 ownerships were updated involving 20,358 water rights
- In 2017, 10,351 ownerships were updated involving 21,797 water rights
- For 2018, 10,557 ownerships were updated involving 22,293 water rights
- For 2019, 10,490 ownerships were updated involving 21,217 water rights**
- For 2020, 836 ownerships were updated involving 1,606 water rights**

Post Decree Assistance (FY2020)

| Case Type | Case Count | Work hours |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Certified Case | | 0 |
| Case with Objector | | 61.00 |
| 85-2-248 Order | 1 | 101.75 |
| General Assistance | | 5.00 |
| Total Hours | | 167.75 |

Exempt Claim Filings SB355 (effective Oct 1, 2013 - May 7,2017)

The department received 2,517 statements of claims including: 390 for domestic wells and 2,127 for instream stock.

Exempt Claim Filings HB110 (effective May 7, 2017 – May 30, 2019)

For the period May 7th, 2017 through July 1st, 2019 we received *approximately 24,000 claims*. To date we have entered 12,531 claims which include: 2,726 Domestic claims, 8,638 Stock claims, and 1,167 claims with an unidentified purpose. We received 4,100 claims from the Bureau of Land Management.

From May 1st, 2019 to July 31st, 2019 there have been 4,783.25 hours spent working on HB110 claims.

The claim filing period ended July 1st, 2019.